

March 7, 1995

MEMORANDUM

TO: Hospital Administrators

FROM: John T. McNeely, Deputy Commissioner
Health Regulation



SUBJECT: Consolidation of hospital licenses where separate and
distinct buildings are involved

In certain circumstances there are significant financial incentives and other advantages in the consolidation of multiple hospital buildings under one license. In light of many recent requests from the hospital provider community to consolidate certain hospitals under one license (which hospitals had previously been licensed separately or where one of the units is new construction) and in order to clarify our position on this subject, the following guidelines for when consolidation will be permitted are established:

1. The licensee of the individual facilities must be identical.
2. The facilities must be located on the same premises (or campus.) In order to be considered as "on the same premises" structures must be located on contiguous or adjoining property. Unlimited access roads and/or local streets will not be considered as dividing otherwise adjoining property.

This policy will not affect the licensure of existing hospitals as they are currently licensed, but will be applied whenever future licensure changes are requested.

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